

June 22, 2025

**2 Pentecost
Communion Service**

The Book of Common Prayer, ACNA 2019

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Processional Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn 366

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
 *5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
 5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

Para. the *Te Deum*, Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900). Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantante*, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872),
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WELCOME

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Song of Praise

Is He Worthy?

Peterson & Shive

Verse 1

Leader: Do you feel the world is broken?

Refrain: *We do.*

Leader: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

Refrain: *We do.*

Leader: But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

Refrain: *We do.*

Leader: Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

Refrain: *We do.*

Verse 2

Leader: Is all creation groaning?

Refrain: *It is.*

Leader: Is a new creation coming?

Refrain: *It is.*

Leader: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

Refrain: *It is.*

Leader: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

Refrain: *It is.*

Chorus 1 (All Sing)

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Of all the blessing, and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this? He is.

Verse 3

Leader: Does the Father truly love us?

Refrain: He does.

Leader: Does the spirit move among us?

He does.

Leader: And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves?

Refrain: He does.

Leader: Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

Refrain: He does.

Chorus 2 (All Sing)

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to

ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign

with the Son. Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing

and honor and glory? Is He worthy, is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Ending

Is he worthy? Is he worthy? He is. He is.

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, ***the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 16:59 – 63

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1 – 11 (*Please pray responsively by half verse.*)

1. Praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; *
indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The LORD builds up Jerusalem, *
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He heals those who are broken in heart, *
and binds up their wounds.
4. He counts the number of the stars, *
and calls them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power; *
indeed, his wisdom is infinite.
6. The LORD lifts up the meek, *
and brings the ungodly down to the ground.
7. O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; *
sing praises with the harp unto our God,
8. Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth, *
and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains, and plants for the *use of men,*
9. Who gives food to the cattle *
and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.
10. He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; *
neither does he delight in any man's strength.
11. But the LORD's delight is in those who fear him *
and put their trust in his mercy.

The Epistle

Romans 3:19 – 26

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v 1

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honor and glory,
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain:

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy, and wonderful,
Worthy of worship and praise.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 16:14 – 17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v. 3

Verse 3

Almighty Father, Master, and Lord,
King of all Kings and redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Savior and Source of our life without end.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer,
You are worthy and wonderful,
Worthy of worship and praise.

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: “What Good is the Law?”

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people sit or remain standing.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Alan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Summer Prayer Focus

Almighty God, who, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon your Church at Pentecost, birthed a movement of the Gospel that continues to this day: Pour out this gift anew upon us, that by the preaching of the Gospel, we may be sent out across the Westshore using our gifts for your glory and joining you in the work that you are doing where we live, work, and play; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

We remember those that have died in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, and the congregation responds: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God,

Most merciful God, ***we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.
1 Timothy 1:15 ESV

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Ministry Minute

Generosity Team Update: Fred Purdy

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Janet Mahon 6/22

Ken Fritz 6/24

Mary Ann Jeffers 6/24

Anniversary:

Rich & Lisa Kurak 6/25 (37 yrs)

Offertory

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Giving of Communion

All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Music

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn 439

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
 won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835; Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926)

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Bunting & Kauflin

Verse 1

When the enemy surrounds
 And my heart grows faint within,
 When the darkness overwhelms
 And my fears are pressing in,
 I will trust in You, O Lord,
 In the silence I will wait,
 I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
 My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
 My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 2

You're my stronghold and my shield,
In the midst of every threat,
Though the wicked never yield,
They will vanish like a breath,
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail,
In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 3

This is love I can't explain,
This is mercy unreserved,
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved,
For the battle has been won,
And I fear no shame or loss,
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus

You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Tag 2X

Pouring out our hearts before You,
We will trust in You,
Perfect Savior, strong Defender,
We will trust in You.

The people stand.

Song of Celebration

I Want to Know You

Farren, Robinson, Thompson & Proctor

I've tried in vain a thousand ways,
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise,
but what I need, your word has said,
Is ever only Jesus.

You died, you live, you reign, you plead,
There's love in all your words and deeds.
This weary heart finds all it needs,
Is ever only Jesus.

Chorus

I want to know you, Jesus, my Lord,
King of the heavens, king of my soul.
I trade my treasure and all my rewards,
Jesus to know you, then know you more.

Though some should curse me for your name,
I have no fears, I have no shame.
You stand with me for all my days,
My ever, only Jesus.

Chorus

Like wave after wave on the ocean,
Like all the sand on the shore,
Your beauty and glory are endless,
O Jesus, I must know you more.

Chorus

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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, ***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

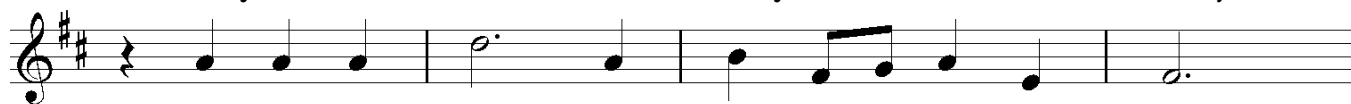
The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul

Hymn 438



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services “Baby Bottle Blessings” — The final collection was **Sunday, June 15th**. If you still have a bottle to return, please drop it off at the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

August 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, on the patio of the Hearth Room, Summer Book Discussion, led by Gene Sherman – This August we will have a 3-week discussion of Ashley Hale’s book, entitled “Finding Holy in the Suburbs: Living Faithfully in the Land of Too Much.” What does it look like to live a full Christian life in the suburbs? Suburbs reflect our good, God-given desire for a place to call home. And suburbs also reflect our own brokenness. This book is an invitation to look deeply into your soul as a suburbanite and discover what it means to live holy there. Order your copy today and join Gene on Sunday at 7:pm on August 10, 17, & 24 on the patio (outside the Hearth room). Iced tea and lemonade will be provided!



Sermon Text: Romans 3:19 – 26

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Question for Week 14

The New City Catechism

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God’s law.

(Romans 5:12)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Question for Week 15

The New City Catechism

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts, and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

(Romans 3:20)

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

***Children’s answer emboldened**

Giving

The flowers at the altar are
given to the glory of God by
Jeff Davis
in loving memory of Marie's
birthday on July 14th!

2025 CASH REQUIREMENTS		
Through Sunday		06/15/2025
Current Month Cash Needs	\$	51,983
Current Month Actual Cash Received	\$	37,037
Current Month Additional Cash Needed	\$	14,946
YTD Cash Needs	\$	311,898
YTD Actual Cash Received	\$	235,285
YTD Additional Cash Needed	\$	76,613
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$	623,798

Attendance for 06/15/2025

10:00 am — 140

Wednesday — 15

Online — 69